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## Mrs. Janet Scott to "Dear Mr. Meredith" (Undated)

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Dear Mr. Meredith:

I was prompted to write you when I read in the paper that you received quite a bit of mail, some of it addressed to "Nigger" Meredith. I thought you might appreciate some kind words, for a change. Will you please allow me to apologize for my race of people? I offer absolutely no excuses, for there is no excuse for the way my own race ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> conducted itself in the past few weeks. I am deeply ashamed of them, and I hope you do not judge all whites by that sorry Ross Barnett.

I ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> born in Mississippi and lived there over 30 years. And I assure you, you have a lot more praise of the state than I do. My Father is one of the most



narrow-minded, staunch segregationists  
in the world, and so is my brother.  
It is a shame that they cannot go  
forward with an open mind and  
a Christian's outlook. They <sup>(whites)</sup> allow the  
Negro to chop their cotton, mop their  
floors, and tend their children, but  
after that, they regard them as just  
a race of black faces.

I commend you, for if I were  
a Negro (and I'm glad I'm not, in  
this day and age) I would be fighting  
hard for the right of equality.  
But I will have to admit that  
I would not have the courage  
to endure what you have. May  
God bless you, and I know that  
he does.

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